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Obey Response to Bush Statement On Continuing Resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C. –“ Today, Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, issued the following statement responding to the President's comments this morning on the upcoming continuing resolution.

–“President Bush's statement this morning telling

the Congress to pass a clean continuing resolution is the equivalent of the rooster claiming credit for the sunrise. The fact is that I met with the President's budget director last week and informed him at that time that we intended to pass a clean C.R. I asked him if he would let me know if the administration had any exceptions that they wanted included and they sent us over a dozen changes that they wanted.

“At a time when we should be looking for ways to resolve our differences it serves no one's interest, least of all the country's, for the President to try to manufacture a disagreement when there is none.

“This is the time when we ought to be sitting down to work out reasonable compromises with each other

instead of issuing phony challenges or posing for political holy pictures.â€

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